(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure the safety of these people;

(c) the steps taken to create job opportunities for the people so that they do not migrate; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) Central Government has not been informed of any such case of migration in Orissa.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the schemes *viz.* Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) in the rural areas of the country for creating additional employment opportunities for the rural poor.

IAY in Uttar Pradesh districts

3505. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list of villages of masauli block of district Barabanki (Uttar Pradesh) included in the Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) whether Kurilpuri (Kamaura) village has been included in the above Yojana; and

(c) if so, as to why above village has been outrightly denied to get benefit from this Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drinking water supply to Nagar Kurnool

3506. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for drinking water supply to Nagar Kurnool parliamentary constituency from Krishna back water and Srisailam Dam has been approved;

(b) if so, the allocation made therefor; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of National Institute of Rural Development

3507. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study report published by the National Institute of Rural Development that despit a decline in the rate of rural poverty in percentage terms there is no change in the volume of rural poverty in real terms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) It has been reported in "India Rural Development Report— 1999" published by the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) that despite declining trend, the total number of poor in the country has remained more or less static. This is because of higher population growth rate. Details of State-wise poverty ratio are given at statement—I and the total number of people below poverty line (in absolute terms) is indicated at statement-II respectively (*see* below)

(c) As a measure of remedial steps towards alleviation of poverty, the Government have already started various programmes. Some of the programmes as are follows:—

(i) Restructure self-employment programmes—Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana;

(ii) Employment Assurance Scheme;

(iii) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana;

(iv) Prime Minister's Gramodaya Scheme;

(v) National Social Assistance Programme, etc.